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about 8 to about 50% wt polyhydric alcohol,

sugar, and

at least about 5% wt water

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said carrier having an A_w of about 0.60 to about 0.75, and a soft and chewy texture, and said A_w being adjusted to permit an appropriate amount of free water in the presence of the additive.

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12. (twice amended) A method of making a carrier and additive mixture for use in an oral administration of a therapeutically effective amount of the additive in discrete dosage form, comprising the steps of:

a) forming a matrix and additive admixture by mixing, in a one-step procedure additive,

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about 10 to about 50% wt starch,

0 to about 40% wt fat or oil,

about 10 to about 50% wt polyhydric alcohol,

sugar, and

at least about 5% wt water,

and mixing;

adjusting the relative amounts of polyhydric alcohol and water to control the A_w of said carrier to adjust the level of moisture in the carrier to be a level not inimical to the additive and extruding said carrier and additive to form an extrudate.